

Rec^d Dec 17th
Ans Dec 18

Utica, Dec. 12 - 1867

Dr George Engelmann,

Sir,
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Enclosed I send
you a list of numbers of plants taken
from Gray's catalogue, which I have for
exchange. Is there anything on the list that
you desire? I hope there may be, for I want
very much to make an exchange with
you for a set of Isoetes, & such other rare
water plants as you could doubtless furnish.
During the past season I have become
particularly interested in this class of
plants, & am desirous to make my herbarium
as complete in them as possible.

Should you desire any of my specimens
I make no hesitation in saying that you
will find them carefully prepared. I have
found that it is quite as desirable to have
a reputation for turning out fine botan-
ical work (which is conceded to me by all



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who have had my plants), as it is to have
a lot of rare things for exchange; & my list,
although small, is not entirely deficient in
these rarities also.

Hoping that there will be something
on the list, that you desire, I remain

Very Truly Yours,
Benj. D. Gilbert
Care Davis, Gilbert & Plant,
Utica, N. Y.



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Recd Dec 30
as Jan 25

Utica, N. Y. Dec. 25/67

Dr Geo. Engelmann,

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Dear Sir,

It has unfortunately happened that in these busiest of all busy times, the holidays, I have been confined to the house by a bad swelling upon my heel. It's an ill wind that brings no good to any one however; so I have had occasion for sorting out a package of plants for you & two or three more of my correspondents.

I regret that it was impossible for me to send fruit of *Clematis ochroleuca*, but the flower is all I have, former exchange having exhausted all my spec's of fruit. And of all the things not collected by myself I have to say that I am not responsible for their state of preservation. Having no duplicate of the list sent you, I hardly know what I gave you among the orchids & ferns. Accordingly I have enclosed for you such things in those orders as I judged might prove most acceptable.



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Among my own wants are *Listera australis*
L. convallarioides, *Platanus aphylla*,
Can you help me to them?

Trusting that the package will
meet your approbation I remain

Very truly Yours

Benj. D. Gilbert

I shall forward the bundle by mail
with this.

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Recd Jan 23rd
Ans same day

N. Y.

Utica, Jan. 18-1868

Dr Geo. Engelmann,

Dear Sir,

During The week
between Christmas & New Year I sent you
by mail a small package of botanical
specimens, but having heard from you yet
in regard to their arrival, I thought best
to drop you a line, for fear they might have
got mislaid at the P.O. If you have not
rec'd them, you will probably find them
lying at the St. Louis P.O. I did not know
your particular address, & merely directed
them to you at St. L. Mo.

I have recently rec'd a fine package
of plants from Wm M. Canby, Esq. of Wilmington
in which he sent among other things the following
which you may erase fr. my list of desiderata
& substitute others in their place, which you
may consider desirable.

Isoetes Engelmannii, & var. *valida*

" *ichinospora* var. *Braunii*

" *riparia*

" *melanopoda*

" *saccharata*

Atricularia inflata

" *vulgaris*

" *purpurea*

" *intermedia*

Yours Truly

Benj. D. Gilbert



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Rec^d Feb 24th

Gilbert B.D.

Utica, Feb. 20/88

Dr Geo. Engelmann,

Dr Sir,

Yours of the 16th

came to hand yesterday, & the package followed it today. I have the pleasure of saying that nearly all of its contents are new to me.

Should there be anything in our flora, outside of the Compositae & Carices, (in which I am not very well stocked) that is desired by you, please let me know & if I have it not I shall be glad to procure it for you during the coming season. I have 3 species of *Myriophyllum*, without flower or fruit however; would it do any good to send you such spec's for determination? Next season I will try to obtain them either with flower or fruit.

Yours Truly

Beng. D. Gilbert



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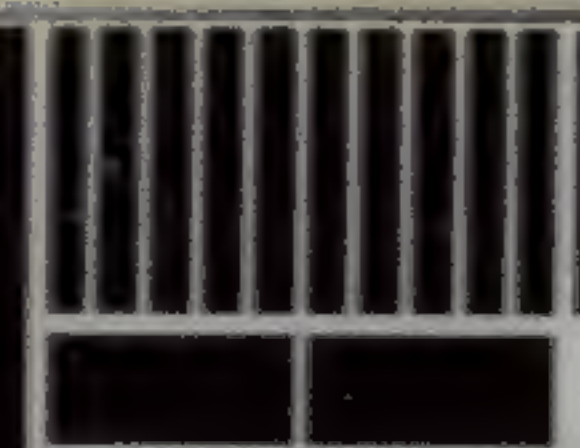
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Recd July 26
Am. Sam. Day

Utica, N.Y. July 22-1870
Dr Geo. Engelmann,
Dear Sir,

I send you herewith by mail
a small packet containing two
species of Isoetes, obtained the other
day at Oneida Lake, by Mr John
A. Paine. We do not feel competent
to determine the species, even with
the aid of my specimens, received
from yourself, - especially as the
fruit in our newly found specimens
seems to be rather immature. Will you
be good enough to determine them for
us, & let us know what they are? You
can distinguish them in writing, by
"the larger" & "the smaller".

Mr Paine has quite ^{recently} returned
from abroad - his last trip having



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been to the Holy Land. He wished me
when I wrote to remember him to you
with the greatest cordiality. He met,
I think, your brother & several of the family
while abroad. He has now gone west as far
as St. Paul, though I think it doubtful
whether he gets down as far as St. Louis.

If there is anything which I can
send you from this region, in the way of
plants, please let me know. Have you
plenty of Carex livida, or Crauei, or
leucoglochium, or many others which we have?
I don't suppose I can give you anything new
to your herb.; but if I could supply you
with some of our Carexes for exchange, I
should like very much to obtain some of
your western species for my herb. I also
lack the first Isoetes in Gray's Manual
& the Engelmannii, var. gracilis (?).

Yours very truly
Bery. D. Gilbert



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